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SUBJECT: GOE CABINET PRAISES US AND EC ME STATEMENTS

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1. EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 6 REPORTED PROMINENTLY THAT US AND EC STATEMENTS ON ME WERE REVIEWED FAVORABLE AT CABINET MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY PRIMIN SALIM JULY 5. US STATEMENT, FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA, WAS DESCRIBED BY MININFO AS "CONSISTENT WITH MAIN OUTLINES FOR MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION ISRAELI-WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND--AS AGREED UPON IN TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS SADAT AND CARTER." (NO MENTION OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.) CABINET ALSO APPRECIATED "FIRM AND CLEAR ATTITUDE" THAT NO OCCUPIED TERRITORY IS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM NEGOTIATIONS. MININFO WENT ON TO DECLARE THAT US STATEMENT "WELL TIMED", COMING PRIOR

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TO WASHINGTON MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND BEGIN.

2. ACCORDING TO MININFO, EC STATEMENT SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED "CLEAR ON VITAL ISSUES" OF WITHDRAWAL AND HOMELAND. CABINET "NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN VIEWS WERE IDENTICAL" AND OBSERVED THIS WOULD HAVE BEARING ON CARTER-BEGIN MEETING. MININFO ADDED THAT DEVELOPMENT

IN US AND EC VIEWS ARE "CLEAR PROOF OF SUCCESS" OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

3. COMMENT: SUCH STATEMENT BY CABINET IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT BOTH PRESIDENT SADAT AND FONMIN FAHMY ARE BOTH OUT OF COUNTRY. IN FACT, IT AMOUNTS TO WARMEST OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT YET OF BOTH US AND EUROPEAN MIDDLE EAST STANDS. SINCE SALIM AND COMPANY UNLIKELY TO TAKE SUCH AN INITIATIVE ON THEIR OWN, ASSUME THEY WERE LEFT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE PUT SPOTLIGHT ON US AND EUROPEAN "PRESSURE" ON ISRAEL IN SADAT'S ABSENCE.

4. ARAB LANGUAGE PRESS STILL IGNORING INDIRECT EXCHANGES BETWEEN SADAT AND BEGIN ON DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IN EARLY PART OF OCTOBER.
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